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SUBJ: PRINCIPAL OFFICER PALERMO

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1. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN OVER THE ASSIGNMENT OF LOUIS P. GOELZ AS PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN PALERMO. ALTHOUGH I AM UNABLE TO MAKE ANY JUDGMENTS ON GOELZ' CAPABILITIES, I KNOW HE HAS NO ITALIAN EXPERIENCE NOR DOES HE SPEAK ITALIAN. I MUST PROTEST THE FACT THAT I WAS NEITHER GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS CHOICE NOR WAS I OFFERED SEVERAL CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION.

2. SICILY IS AN IMPORTANT REGION OF ITALY. THE POSITION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN PALERMO IS AN IMPORTANT ONE AT THIS CRITICAL TIME IN ITALY AND I CONSIDER IT VITAL THAT IT BE FILLED BY SOMEONE WHO IS CONVERSANT WITH THE ITALIAN SCENE.

3. I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK ON CONSULTATION AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING ITALY.VOLPE

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